

# Camp Experiences

## CORE: A Teen Camp Program (ages 12-14)

Bringing together past programs, camper ideas and family feedback, CORE 2016 will be a wonderful mix of adventure, leadership, great field trips, applicable trainings and certifications, and community engagement and service projects! Specifically geared to youth ages 12-14, CORE allows for teens to get out and be active over their summer break, while also learning great leadership skills, participating in character development programs and engaging in community service projects around Central Ohio. CORE focuses on the specific developmental assets that mold caring, healthy and responsible adults, all while providing campers opportunities for some amazing summer adventures!

This summer, CORE will be held Monday through Thursday for five weeks of summer. During each session, CORE campers will participate in traditional summer camp activities, volunteer with and work on service projects for local organizations, go on at least one field trip, develop leadership skills through intentional program sessions and learn skills specific to each week's theme. CORE is the perfect place for a teen who is ready to learn more about what they are capable of and how they relate to the world around them. Extended care hours, field trip fees, a field trip shirt, sunscreen, a daily snack, and any applicable certification fees are INCLUDED in the price for CORE. Early bird rates apply before April 22. Visit the Parks & Recreation page at Gahanna.gov and click on "Camps" for registration forms and details!

**Ages:** 12-14

**Location:** Drop off at Golf Course Clubhouse, 220 Olde Ridenour Rd.

Pick up at Friendship Park Gazebo, 150 Oklahoma Ave.

**Days:** Mon – Thu\* (See Fri Option below)

**Hours:** 9am-3pm (Pre Care: 7:30-9am; After Care: 3-5:30pm, included in the cost)

**\*Friday Option:** As part of the week's registration, teens can choose to participate in a volunteer and play combination at either the Golf Course or the Gahanna Swimming Pool. Teens will volunteer from 10am-12pm at the chosen location and then can enjoy either a free round of golf or free admission to the Gahanna Swimming Pool upon completion of the volunteer time. Passes for the Friday option will be given to teens the first day of each CORE session and can only be used for the Friday of the given week.

**Early Bird Rate (Feb 27 – Apr 22):** RDR: \$215/week; SR: \$230/week

**Regular Fees (After 4/22/16):** RDR: \$230/week; SR \$245/week

### Important Information:

Lunch is NOT provided, so campers must bring their own non-refrigerated sack lunch! Due to the offsite nature and increased responsibility involved with the CORE program, participants and parents must agree to and meet established behavior and performance expectations. Parents or guardians MUST sign the participant into the program every day and present valid photo identification EVERY DAY in order to sign him/her out.

### Required Documents and Health History Forms:

Upon registration, participants will be emailed a link from ePACT to log on and create a profile to complete camper health history forms and all required documentation. All health forms, waivers, copies of your insurance card and important information about your camper MUST BE submitted through this online service. More information regarding ePACT and this process will be available at the time of registration.

### Parent Handbook:

Camp policies & procedures are outlined in the Parent Handbook. Copies are available at registration or online at Gahanna.gov.

### Weekly Themes

#### Junior Adventurers

Campers will participate in programming and field trips based around adventure activities and outdoor survival skills. Participants will also enjoy self-defense classes where they learn and practice basic self-defense moves.

#### Activity

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#### Dates

Jun 13 – Jun 16

#### Junior Chefs

Campers will participate in programming and activities based around learning culinary skills, from outdoor cooking to creating their own recipes. CORE will also be partnering with the Herb Center to learn how to identify herbs, use herbs in the kitchen, and create natural skincare items using basic kitchen ingredients.

#### Activity

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#### Dates

Jun 27 – Jun 30

#### Junior Tourism Ambassadors

Campers will get to experience Gahanna and Central Ohio, as they learn what makes their hometown so great and some of the areas' oddest stories and attractions. Partnering with the Gahanna Convention and Visitor's Bureau, CORE campers will learn what it takes to become a Junior Tourism Ambassador and how they can give back to their community to make it even better.

#### Activity

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#### Dates

Jul 11 – Jul 14

#### Junior Counselors

Campers will learn what it takes to work with kids and become a camp counselor. Participants will receive babysitter's training, as well as go through some camp staff training to find out what it takes to work at a summer camp. Campers will partner with veteran Camp Friendship Staff and management to create age appropriate camp programs and even help run their own all-camp activities.

#### Activity

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#### Dates

Jul 25 – Jul 28

#### Junior Paddlers

Campers will participate in exciting aquatics-related field trips, while also learning essentials to paddling and canoeing. Partnering with Gahanna Aquatics Staff, CORE campers will learn junior lifeguarding skills and the best of pool and water safety.

#### Activity

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#### Dates

Aug 1 – Aug 4

NOTE: Camp registrations are NOT accepted within 5 business days of the start of each camp week.

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